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STUDYING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

American citizens who intend to study in the United Kingdom should obtain entry clearance from the nearest British diplomatic mission in the United States before travelling.

Applicants for entry clearance must provide evidence that they have been accepted for a course of study at a university, further education establishment, independent school or bona fide private education institution, and must show they can meet the cost of tuition, maintenance, and accommodation for the duration of the course without working and without recourse to public funds. The course must comprise of at least fifteen hours daytime study per week of a single subject or related subjects. The applicant should possess adequate qualifications for the proposed course.

The spouse and dependent children of a prospective student should apply for entry clearance before travelling to the United Kingdom. If required to do so by an Immigration Officer on arrival, students and dependents must register with the police.

A person arriving at a port of entry with the intention of studying but without entry clearance may be admitted for a limited period of time at the discretion of the British Immigration Service. The Immigration Officer must be satisfied that the passenger has genuine and realistic intentions of studying, intends to leave the United Kingdom on completion of studies, and can, without recourse to employment or public funds, finance tuition, maintenance and accommodation for him/herself and any accompanying dependents. The passenger may be admitted for a short period and will be advised to contact the Home Office Immigration Service to vary landing conditions when arrangements for study have been completed. The same provisions apply to persons admitted to the United Kingdom as tourists who subsequently decide to pursue a course of study.

American citizens admitted to the United Kingdom as genuine students may be given permission to work during their free time, subject to the consent of the British Department of Employment. This allowance does not extend to persons admitted as visitors or short-term students who do not meet the criteria for full student status.

Further information is available from any British diplomatic mission overseas, or, in the United Kingdom, from the Home Office, Immigration and Nationality Directorate, Lunar House, 40 Wellesley Road Croydon CR9 2BY, tel: 0870 606 7766; www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk. Questions on employment and education should be directed to the Department for Education and Employment, Overseas Labour Service, Level 5, Moorfoot, Sheffield, S1 4PQ, telephone 011 4259 4074 or 011 4259 4071; www.workpermits.gov.uk.

The decision to grant entry to the United Kingdom or to vary conditions of stay after arrival rests exclusively with the appropriate British government department. The American Embassy cannot intervene in decisions made by those departments.

STUDENT EXCHANGE WORK PERMITS

The *Work in Britain* program is sponsored and administered by BUNAC (the British Universities North America Club) and has been running since 1966. BUNAC has offices in Connecticut, London and Edinburgh, and is a non-profit, non-political organization specializing in international work and travel programs.

The Student Exchange Employment Program *Blue Card* acts as an entry visa and allows US students to work in Britain for up to six months.

You must be a full-time student taking at least eight credit hours or more towards a degree at an accredited US college or university. You must be an American citizen in possession of a valid passport, at least 18 years old, and have access to at least \$1000 when you enter the United Kingdom. Your *Blue Card* must be issued before you arrive in the United Kingdom and presented to British Immigration upon entry.

To apply, order forms from BUNAC at www.bunac.org. Submit the application form and supporting documents to BUNAC's Connecticut office at the address shown below.

There is a program fee of \$275.

For detailed information, visit the web site or contact:

BUNAC USA, PO Box 430, Southbury, CT 06488

Phone: (203) 264-0901; Fax: (203) 264-0251; E-mail: info@bunacusa.org

BUNAC UK, 16 Bowling Green Lane, London EC1R 0QH

Phone: 020-7251 3472; Fax: 020-7251 0215; E-mail: enquiries@bunac.org.uk
